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PATHOGENIC STRAINS

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the paragraph indicated in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please insert the following heading before the claims:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 8 and 11-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10 and 14 are withdrawn from consideration.

Please add new claims 15-24.

A complete listing of all claims, including the newly added heading referred to above, is provided herewith in **Attachment B**.